

Fatherhood, Fathers & Fathering

Honoring all the fathers who came before us, the fathers who are still with us, and the fathers who will come after us.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord [that is, accept their guidance and discipline as His representatives], for this is right [for obedience teaches wisdom and self-discipline]. HONOR [esteem, value as precious] YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER [and be respectful to them]--this is the first commandment with a promise--SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY HAVE A LONG LIFE ON THE EARTH. Ephesians 6:1-3 AMP

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Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. Proverbs 23:22&24ESV

It is the greatest joy of my life to hear that my children are consistently living their lives in the ways of truth! 3 Jn. 1:4 TPT

Note: As I prayed about the special Father's Day video blog; I was reminded that there are very few recorded examples of fatherhood in the scripture. The Scripture is full of instruction and admonition for both fathers and sons, most of which applies when raising natural and spiritual children. The two most thought worthy examples of fatherhood are found in the stories of 'Abraham & Isaac' and 'Yahweh & Yahshua' (*The older covenant patriarch of the faith and the author and finisher of our faith*)

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise. Gal. 3:26-29 NASB

My Story: *The (short and long) I was the first of three children born to hardworking, light-blue-collared parents, who did the best they could to provide and make a life for us. We had problems and issues like many of the families of that era; (the 50s & 60s) but alcohol abuse and baggage seemed to exacerbate most of them. My dad was physically present; but emotionally absent most of the time, and that because of his relationship with Jim Beam.*

My mother was a kind and considerate person who worked most of her life to make ends meet. What she gave up in homemaking, she made up for in the way she cared for others. Mothers love was the primary reason we survived as a family, and my relationship with her was instrumental in making me the man I am today. I am not saying that everything about my childhood and upbringing was terrible or horrific; but I am saying, that the worst of the bad outweighed the best of the good in the early years.

Note: I didn't finish high school. I left home at 17, shortly after getting married the first time. I became a dad to a baby girl the next year. On June 14, 1970 I came to a saving knowledge of the truth, and the course of my destiny changed forever. I wish that I could say salvation, Holy Spirit baptism and being called to the ministry made me a better man, husband and father; but that would not be an accurate assessment. I must confess that I didn't know much about being a man and even less about being a husband and father at the time. It took a number of years for me to begin to understand what was missing or had been lost somewhere along the way. Most of what was missing could only be realized by receiving the full embrace of the Father's love and forgiveness, and by walking with those who loved me enough to show me the way of family. The rest of the story is still being written, and I sincerely hope that it is a better read than the early years of my life.

Therefore Jesus (Yahshua) answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. Jn. 5:19-20 NASB

The Rest of the Story: *(Cont.) I didn't follow in my dad's footsteps when it came to abusing alcohol, cigarettes and people. However, I did drink and smoke early on, and I have hurt and disappointed a few people along the way. That being said, I have now been in service to the King and His domain for most of fifty years, and have arrived at a better conclusion concerning a number of things.*

Note: If drinking, smoking and hurting others had the power to make me a better man, husband and father, then I may consider taking them up again. However, because they have the potential to make me a worse man, husband and father, I am done with them for good.

Summary: Things between me and my dad ended better than expected. In the years leading up to his death, he gave his heart to Yahshua and asked me to come down to the V.A. Hospital to baptize him in water. I couldn't get there fast enough. I filled up the whirl pool with warm water and thoroughly immersed him for a prolonged period of time, before receiving him into the household of faith. He was clearly changed in the moment and continue to his last words. The day before his passing at age 52, we were able to share hearts with one another. The truth is, I loved my dad and I found myself longing for more time to tell him how much I appreciate the time we had together. I am at peace with his passing, and I know in my heart that he is in a much better place. Remember this, it is never too late to love, forgive and let go of the things that made it impossible to move forward in life together.

Things to Consider:

"If we made it this far, He planned on it!"

The failures and shortcomings of our earthly fathers have been lifted off of our shoulders, and we have now received the mantle of fatherhood for this generation.

"The scales of justice have been balance, and we are now abundantly living in Messiah Yahshua."

The best of the good days are now outweighing the worst of the bad days.
Selah!

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What about those who grew up without a father present in the home, or the father they had was emotionally absent? How about those who were not able to reconnect with their father before he died? How about the fathers who were not present for their children then; but desire to make things right now.

"It's never too late to love, forgive and find a path forward toward reconciliation with loved ones and family."

The Fatherless Generation:

More than 20 million children live in a home without the physical presence of a father. Millions more have dads who are physically present, but emotionally absent. If it were classified as a disease, fatherlessness would be an epidemic worthy of attention as a national emergency.

The impact of fatherlessness can be seen in our homes, schools, hospitals and prisons, as reflected in the following clip from the documentary film, [Irreplaceable](#). In short, fatherlessness is associated with almost every societal ill facing our country's children.

Question: Why?

Answer: *Over the past 50 years the motion picture industry and media have portrayed men and fathers as irresponsible, useless beast who deserve to be put down. The stereotypical image of fatherhood in the 50s and 60s is now a thing of the past, and the modern-day portrayal of fatherhood is sending a mixed signal to this generation. It has resulted in gender confusion, which includes sexual reassignment surgery, identifying with spirit animals, or something other than male or female.*

If these industries and outlets continue to portray men and fathers in a dishonorable way, the next generation may not see any reason for them at all.

Much of what is going on in the country right now can be attributed to anarchist and other radical groups who are a part of this fatherless generation. They are lawless, renegade, and hostile toward all authority. These groups have been rioting, looting, and destroying private and public property for weeks, and now they are shooting and killing innocent children in several major cities around the country.

[Father's Day weekend was one of the most violent in history]

[\(Chicago shootings: 104 shot, 14 fatally, over Father's Day\)](#) (*chicago-suntimes*)

There were also other mass shootings and killings across the country this past weekend;

[\(Chicago, New York, Seattle, San Antonio, St. Louis & Charlotte\)](#)

Teen shot in Seattle protest zone declines police interview ... 14 fatally shot in Chicago over Father's Day weekend ... Police say 2 dead, 7 wounded in Charlotte, North Carolina, shooting and 5 hit by ... Police say 9 shot, wounded at party in Syracuse, New York ... Police say 1 man killed, woman injured in St. Louis shooting.

There is a diabolical force (*principalities & powers*) behind what is going on around the country right now. It has very little to do with **constitutional rights or government overreach**. The shootings and killings that took place this weekend, happened while observing June-teenth and Father's Day, and they are the work of (*rulers of the darkness of this world & spirits of wickedness in high places*)

Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser! Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage. Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all

things and will rise victorious. Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness as the protective armor that covers your heart. Stand on your feet alert, then you'll always be ready to share the blessings of peace. In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the Evil One! Embrace the power of salvation's full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies. And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken Word of God. Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers. Eph. 6:11-18 TPT

Note: I have a challenge for the fathers of those who still have some influence in the lives of your children and young adults. (Antifa, Black Lives Matters Etc.)

If you are truly an emancipated father, it is time to rise up and provide godly guidance and righteous direction to your children. The role of fathers is absolutely essential to the wellbeing of this generation. Our society and civilization are depending on fathers being present, accountable and actively involved. However, the long-term cumulative effect of fatherlessness has left the youngers of this generation asking, where have all the fathers gone?

[\(Watch - 'Where Have All The Fathers Gone' - 2015 Documentary\)](#)

Note: To all those who identify with the extremist group 'Black Lives Matter' we want to challenge you to consider that while we value your life and contribution, there are those among you who are corrupting your cause by suggesting that 'Only Black Lives Matter' The truth is; 'All Lives Matter', and unless we begin to embrace that reality, the day will come when NO life will matter anymore. Please make your position clear to your communities and correct those who are corrupting your cause with prejudice and bigotry. We will be watching and praying!

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